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Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-26, 28-31, 33-36, 38-41, 43-46 and 48-51 are pending in the application. Claims 6, 17, 37 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as described in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. Claims 27, 32, 42 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as described in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Claims 8 and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as described in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-16, 18, 20-26, 28-31, 33-36, 38-41, 43-46 and 48-51 were indicated as being allowable in paragraph 7, of the Office Action. Claims 1-5, 8, 12-16 and 19 are the only independent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejections of claims 6, 17, 27, 32, 37, 42, 47 and 52 are moot, as the claims have been cancelled. Cancellation of claims 6, 17, 27, 32, 37, 42, 47 and 52 is not to be construed as an acquiescence that the claims are not patentable over the prior art of record.

Claim 8 has been amended to be in independent form, and thereby to include all of the limitations of previously presented claim 6. Claim 19, has been amended to be in independent form, and thereby to include all of the limitations of previously presented claim 17. In light of paragraph 6 of the Office Action, it is submitted that claims 8 and 19, as amended, are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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